

The Snyder Signal

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FIREBUG AT WORK SATURDAY NIGHT

EVIDENCES SHOWING PLANS CAREFULLY LAID TO BURN RESIDENCE.

Snyder came near having a house burning last Saturday night. Mr. Abbott and family who live a short distance east of the north ward school building attended the carnival Saturday night. Upon reaching home they found the magazine set and almost ready to do its destructive work.

The house is built with a middle room, with other rooms at each of the four sides. In this middle room the family found a paste board box in which a short candle was burning. Around the candle were parts of newspapers, and the box, the papers and the floor for several feet around had been well oiled with kerosene.

Only a few minutes longer and the candle would have been burned down to the oil and paper and a conflagration would have been set off.

It is said that the would-be firebug had entered through a side door and prepared his trap. In working about it, the evidence shows that he got off on his shoe soles for it was noted that he had pushed open the doors to two other rooms and made a step into each, presumably looking to see that no one was in, or to see the combustible nature of the contents and also to have the doors open so the flames could do quick work.

Fortunately the family went home before the candle closed, else they would have been burned out. It is understood that the house was sold a short time ago by Riley Manry to Homer Cotton.

IRA PEOPLE PRAYED FOR PEACE SUNDAY

Dr. C. W. Merrell was here Monday from Ira. He said the people over there had religious services all day Sunday and also on Monday night. The main subject of prayer was for peace in Europe with thanks for the conditions of peace and prosperity in our own country.

FAIRLEY SAYS WORKS ARE EATING COTTON

Our good friend D. T. Fairley was here Monday from the Sharon country. He says he has been out in the cotton fields and can say, from his own observations that the boll worms are getting the cotton and people don't know it.

He says when the gathering is over the people will find that they have made about a third less than they thought in September they would have.

Living at Home.

T. V. Hammond, a good farmer and splendid citizen who lives two miles south of Dunn, was an appreciated caller at the Signal office last Friday. He informs us that his cotton is probably no better than his last year's crop, but he made an abundance of feed. Mr. Hammond has been in this county on his little sandy land farm for a number of years and out of more than a dozen years here he bought feed only one year. He also raises his meat and when he was in the Signal office he was the fortunate possessor of twenty-three hogs.

NEW MERCANTILE COMPANY COMING TO SNYDER

The Signal learns that the Higginbotham Mercantile Company will be in Snyder next week. It is understood they will occupy the building recently vacated by Richards-McMillan company and also the building adjoining on the south.

It is learned that they will put in a \$10,000 stock. They are a strong company and we predict for them a successful business in Scurry county.

The Gulf Refining Oil Company has filed the "Buy-a-Bale" movement in Snyder, purchasing a bale at 10 cents a pound. This company will buy a bale at 10 cents at every station in the State.

REV. AND MRS. HULL ENTER-TAINED BY BAPTIST LADIES

Rev. and Mrs. O. J. Hull, who are soon to leave for Abilene where Bro. Hull will take a special course in Simmons' College, were delightfully entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Rosser, on last Tuesday evening by the Ladies Aid and Bazaar of the First Baptist church.

The affair was of a "good bye and well wishes" nature and was expressive of the high esteem in which these good people are held by their intimate friends.

After an enjoyable social season, Bro. and Sister Hull were presented with a handsome set of silverware, as a slight token of the love bestowed upon them by their Christian associates.

CONGREGATIONS JOIN IN PRAYER FOR PEACE

The services at the Baptist church last Sunday were along the line of the great world petition for peace. Bro. Bert led in a strong, appropriate prayer.

Dr. Ingram spoke of the woeful lack of the Christian spirit among the warring nations. The congregation was in full accord with the nation's desire for peace.

At the Methodist church the Pastor read the Peace proclamation and talked on the importance of world peace. There were several prayers for peace. At night, Rev. J. C. Harris preached a strong and uplifting sermon.

Special Teacher's Examination

Judge Buchanan has received notice from State Superintendent Doughty that in order to meet the demand for teacher's certificates, there will be a special examination of teachers held at the county seat of each county in Texas on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16 and 17. These examinations will be in regular form and under the rules governing the regular county examinations. Persons wishing to go before the board in Snyder will see Judge C. R. Buchanan.

Stricken With Paralysis.

Mrs. Guy Paxton was stricken with paralysis at her home on North Scarborough street last Friday night and is reported in a serious condition. One side is paralyzed. Her father and other physicians are doing what they can to relieve her and we hope she may be well again.

Officers and Directors Elected.

The stock holders of the First State Bank and Trust Company held their annual meeting last Tuesday, October 6th and elected officers and directors for the ensuing year as follows:

P. Brady, President.
Geo. W. Harris, Vice President.
W. W. Smith, Vice President.
C. L. Smith, Cashier.
J. C. Ransom, Asst. Cashier.
P. M. Hollis.
H. P. Wellborn.
I. D. Seagull.

The year's business showed to be in good shape and satisfactory to the board of directors.

Prospecting in Scurry County.

T. M. Ham and W. C. Nuthall of Freestone county came in this week on a prospecting trip. They are guests of Mr. Lee Robison and family. They are quite favorably impressed with the prospects and the general appearance here about.

There are lots of prospectors coming into Scurry county this fall and we expect to get quite a number of good new citizens.

A Light Rain.

A light rain fell here Tuesday night. The fall at Snyder amounted to one-fifth of an inch. It is said to have been heavier north of town. There was not enough of it to damage the cotton or check the picking.

People are hoping for a few more weeks of dry weather and then if we get good rains late in November, the wheat sowing will be on in good shape.

Mr. H. A. Goodwin has recently harvested one acre of sorghum on his farm getting 1131 good bushels of feed.

DERMOTT GIN DESTROYED BY FIRE

MAGNIFICENT PLANT OWNED BY FULLER'S TOTALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE

The fine, well equipped gin plant at Dermott was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour last Monday morning.

This gin was owned by the Fuller Company and was being managed by Mr. H. L. Wren.

For several seasons it has stood idle, because of the short crops, but this year it was in great demand. The plant had been thoroughly overhauled and fitted up with all the modern points of excellence. It was located in the center of a wide cotton territory, the only gin there, and was doing a big volume of good work. The farmers there were proud of it, because it saved them a haul of several miles to get their cotton done, and the burnt out in looked upon as a great loss to the surrounding country.

Mr. Fuller says it was about the cleanest burnt out he ever saw. It was a total loss, partially insured.

It is understood that there was no cotton burned, but about fifteen tons of seed were burned.

The origin of the fire is not known.

TO LEND \$150,000.00 ON COTTON PROPOSED

St. Louis Bankers Have Plan to Furnish Farmers Money On Staple.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 5.—A plan for raising a cotton loan fund of \$150,000.00 proposed by a conference of St. Louis bankers, was ratified here today by a delegation of bankers from the cotton growing states and now awaits only the approval of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo to attend the conference with St. Louis bankers, provides for the raising of the fund by subscriptions from national and State banks, trust companies and mercantile and manufacturing companies throughout the country.

"It must be distinctly understood," declares Festus J. Wade, chairman of the St. Louis Clearing House Association, and originator of the plan, that this is not a movement for the purchase of cotton. It is simply a movement to make available a fund of \$150,000.00 to loan on cotton at not to exceed 60 per cent middle basis. The establishment of this fund will make the cotton crop a liquid asset, stabilize its price and bring about normal business conditions in all lines of trade.

Death of Mrs. Thel Browning.

Mrs. Thel Browning, aged 34 years, wife of Thel Browning, died last Friday, Oct. 2, at the family home, 2 miles west of Dermott, after a brief illness. She leaves a devoted husband and five sons to mourn her early death.

She was a faithful Christian woman, a loving wife and mother. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church and her faith in God that has given her strength in all the affairs of life proved a sure support and consolation when the hour of death came. She was known to be with her Savior whom she delighted to serve in the flesh.

The funeral took place Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist cemetery, attended by a large gathering of neighbors and friends. Her pastor, Rev. C. E. Loefer of Hornbush conducted the funeral services.

The Signal extends profound sympathy to the sorrowing husband and children.

A Wedding Invitation.

The following wedding invitation has been issued to friends of the contracting parties:

"Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Kiss invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Miss Willie Deb Strayhorn to Mr. J. Arch Farmer, Thursday evening, October 15, eight o'clock, First Presbyterian church."

FIRST MONTH OF SCHOOL CLOSES

SNYDER PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK OUT FIRST MONTH—BOTH VERY SATISFACTORY.

The first month of the Snyder Public Schools closed Friday, the second day of October. The work for the month was well up to the records made in the past and the attendance was much better than the same month last year. This is especially true in the High School department where there are quite a number of pupils who have not been here before. These pupils have come because of the superior advantages offered by our High School and we welcome them to our midst. These fine young people who are seriously in earnest about their work are making fine records and our own Snyder boys and girls are finding them an inspiration.

The classes in the High School are larger than last year. There are twenty-five in the senior class, Mr. Loy Ransom is president of the Seniors. There are twenty-two in the Junior class and they are doing fine work. They are also well organized and presided over by Carroll Henderson.

The Sophomore Class has 45 members who are doing excellent work. They are really making a record that they will be proud of in years to come. They are not the kind to wait till they are Seniors to get to work and make good records. They are working on the job now and will make it interesting for even the Seniors to keep up with them in grades made monthly.

The Freshmen are doing full duty and the class is reasonably large. Several new pupils are found in that class and they are doing themselves honor as students.

The student body seems to have caught the spirit of the work and the High School, with motto, "Work, or Starve," is proceeding to get results. The school spirit is stronger this year than ever since we have been here and we find less difficulty in adjusting matters satisfactorily.

The monthly report cards have been sent out and parents have been notified of the work done by their children. We have tried to make these reports fair and honest. We are sorry to have to report any low grade but we must give the parents a true report. Most of the grades have been good and in some instances excellent. If any parent is not satisfied with the grade we will take it as a favor if you will see us about it. We want to work with the parents and we want them to work with us for the best interests of the children.

The work of the grammar and primary grades has been good. Before we find a few facts that will be interesting to the people.

Enrollment in Grammar Grades as of October 1st:

Seventh Grade: 18 boys, 15 girls.
Sixth Grade: 18 boys, 23 girls. Miss Vera Heath, Teacher.

Fifth Grade: 15 boys, 23 girls. Miss Vera Heath, Teacher.

Fourth Grade: 22 boys, 26 girls. Miss Maggie Lee Hall, Teacher.

Enrollment in Primary Department, Central Building:

First Second and Third Grades: 22 boys, 33 girls. Miss Grace Moore and Miss Nellie Hall, Teachers.

Enrollment, North Ward:

Fourth and Fifth Grades: 12 boys, 14 girls. Miss Lela Porter, Teacher.

First and Second Grades: 3 boys, 12 girls. Miss Mary Heath, Teacher.

Enrollment, Colonial Hill:

Third, fourth and fifth grades: 15 boys and 5 girls. Miss Lela Maxwell, Teacher.

First and Second Grades: 12 boys, 17 girls. Miss Lela Kelly, Teacher.

Below will be found the names of all pupils below the High School who have not been absent or tardy during the month and whose average grade is 80 or above, and whose deportment is not below 90. This Honor Roll will be published at the close of each month. We hope to have several more names on it next month.

Miss Vera Heath's room: Raymond Cole, Lyle Deffenbach, Morris

FROM MASSACHUSETTS TO TEXAS TO PICK COTTON

R. F. Avery of Massachusetts arrived in Snyder last Sunday. He came all the way from his far away home in answer to our call for cotton pickers. He is here to work and see the West Texas country.

He comes from the country of cotton mills where our raw cotton is taken and converted into cloth and sold back to us as dry goods. It has been intimated that he is apt to look into the cotton business in the fields and, knowing as he does, something of the manufacturing business he is apt to wonder why the Southern people do not work up their own material.

SHIPPED CAR OF CATTLE TO FORT WORTH

Mr. J. H. Henderson went out over the H. & P. Monday evening with a car load of fat cattle for the Fort Worth market. This looks, to the uninitiated, like a good year for cattlemen. Feed is cheap grass is plentiful and beef prices are high.

Young Preacher Goes to School.

Bro. O. J. Hull who has been doing missionary work for three years for the Scurry County Baptist Association declined re-employment at the recent meeting at Snyder and left with his family Tuesday for Abilene where he will attend Simmons College.

Bro. Hull has been a faithful minister, always working at his job and his labors have been successful. He is full of energy and good cheer and has made hosts of friends all over the country. He is succeeded as County Missionary by his father, Rev. J. J. Hull of Rising Star.

ENGAGING NEGRO LABOR.

Lots of cotton pickers are coming in now, but the demand still holds. As the picking season passes farther south, we expect to get people enough to cover our big crop. It is learned that a bunch of negroes were brought in last Sunday and other calls have been sent in the labor market. Dave Daniels put in a bunch of about fifteen Mexicans Tuesday.

Watson, Vera Turner, Loren Stokes.

Miss Hull's room: Beniah Ballard, 92; Virna Nelson, 95; Lillian Gessner, 93.

Miss Grace Moore's room: Flora Popcoe, 99; Vivian Byrd, 91; Moxie Rose Cunningham, 92; Henry Carlton, 94; Clara Mae Couch, 95; Hyrdia Louise Dautler, 91; Jennie Lee Parsons, 91; Mary Strickland, 92; Edna Young, 94; Emma Luck, 95; Lela McConnell, 92; Kelsie Barnes, 94.

Miss Hall's room: Maxine Whitmore.

Miss Kelly's room: Nelson Hall, 95; Andrew Stokes, 95; Ralph Bell, 94; Clara Bell, 94; Ruth Weaver, 95; Ernestine Miller, 96; Ella Pearl Baker, 94; Willie Peck Carter, 92; Lela Richard, 93; Larry Warkum, 94.

Miss Lela Maxwell's room: Lela Maxwell.

Miss Porter's room: Elizabeth Scott, 92; Edward Warren, 92; Annie Florence, 94; David Curry, 96; Alfred McGowan, 99; Ralph Wolfe, 93; Annie Wilson, 92.

Miss Mary Heath's room: Lela Heath.

There have been fewer cases of varicella this month than any other for the past two years. The ladies in the High school have shown a marked falling off, those being but twenty-five for the whole month.

As will be observed above, the enrollment has reached exactly 150. There have been eight pupils dropped, which leaves a net attendance now of 142. Considering the big crop and the depressed financial conditions we consider this attendance phenomenal.

We are proud of it and doing all in our power to make it worth while to those who are making the necessary sacrifices for their children.

Thanking the good people of this community for their support in the past and asking for perfect loyalty in the present and the future, I am,

Yours to serve,
R. A. WATSON,
Superintendent.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ADJOURNED

GOOD REPORTS MADE IN SPIRITUAL WORK AND MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES.

As stated in the Signal last week the Scurry County Baptist Association was in session in Snyder with a good attendance of ministers and messengers from the several churches comprising the body.

This was the seventh annual meeting and was held with the First Baptist Church in Snyder.

Twelve churches were represented by letters and messengers. The Scurry county Association is composed of fifteen churches. Twelve are in Scurry county, two in Borden county and one in Garza county.

Rev. O. J. Hull who has been the County Missionary for three years resigned this work to enter school at Simmons' College, at Abilene. His father, Rev. J. D. Hull, of Rising Star was elected by the board as Missionary.

Have been received into the churches of this Association during the past 12 months by experience and baptism and one hundred and twenty-six by letter. This body represents about a thousand Baptists. They have paid during the year 16 Missions, \$1,560.

Rev. M. T. Tucker, pastor of the church in Snyder, was elected Moderator and C. R. Lockhart, of Snyder, Secretary and Treasurer.

The following visitors were in attendance: C. W. Merrell, representing the State Mission Work of Texas; A. H. Ingram, of Austin, representing the University Church building work; J. P. Hardisty and P. C. Dick, of Abilene, representing Simmons College; J. A. Lindley of Sweetwater, representing the Western Evangelical and Baptist Standard; Mrs. O. H. Cooper, of Abilene, representing the ladies work; H. L. Polk, J. W. House and Ed. P. M. Elliott were correspondents from Fisher County Association; J. J. Pipkin, of Bryan, Texas, in the interest of Buckner Orphan's Home.

The Association voted to hold their next meeting with the church at Ita, beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1915. Rev. M. H. Gifford was elected to preach the introductory sermon.

The Association went over all the usual lines of church interest and the reports from the several churches showed a healthy spiritual condition.

The introductory sermon was preached Thursday by Rev. J. P. Hardisty, of Abilene. On Thursday night the pulpit was filled by Rev. P. C. Dick and on Sunday and Snyder night the congregation sang two excellent sermons by their former pastor, Rev. A. R. Ingram, of Austin.

It was agreed to have this body of Christian workers meet, from a few days, for the purpose of such people in a study a headquarters.

Mr. Baker Very Low.

Mr. Baker, father of Mr. T. F. Baker who has been a sufferer for a long time with cancerous trouble, is reported very low at his home in West Snyder. His children are all here with him except one son who resides in Denver and he is probably to leave in a few days.

Horse Market Active.

Horse buyers are scouring the country for exactly horses to be shipped in Europe. Good stout animals not under 15 hands high are in demand at prices ranging from \$75 to \$125. Certain colors are barred. Green, light cream or paler not wanted. This demand has put new life into the horse market and the call for cheap stock, extras and prices to raise for the more inferior grades.

Some Cotton Picking.

Joe Merritt says his son, Verlie, 18 years old, who is attending school, went to the cotton field last Saturday and picked 611 pounds. A younger brother picked more than 400 pounds.